

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A gamine gaming machine comprising:

- a chamber-defining portion that defines a chamber;
- a panel carrying gaming-machine artwork arranged on one side of the chamber;
- a light-diffusing element arranged on an opposed side of the chamber in spaced relationship relative to the panel; and
- a gamine gaming machine illuminating arrangement arranged in the chamber between the panel and the light diffusing element, the gaming machine illuminating arrangement comprising
 - a carrier; and
 - a plurality of semiconductor illuminating elements arranged in a predetermined array on the carrier.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The gamine gaming machine of claim 1 in which the carrier is a strip of printed circuit board (PCB) carrying conductive traces for connecting the illuminating elements to a control means for supplying electrical power to the PCB, the control means being part of a controller of the gaming machine.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The gamine gaming machine of claim 1 in which the semiconductor illuminating elements are in the form of light emitting diodes (LEDs).

Claim 4 (currently amended) The gamine gaming machine of claim 3 in which the LEDs are arranged in a sequence of repeating groups on the strip.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The gamine gaming machine of claim 4 in which each group comprises a predetermined number of differently coloured LEDs.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The gamine gaming machine of claim 5 in which each group of LEDs comprises LEDs corresponding to the three primary colours.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (previously presented) The gaming machine of claim 1 in which the light diffusing element is in the form of a diffuser plate.

Claim 9 (previously presented) The gaming machine of claim 1 in which the light diffusing element is in the form of a diffuser plate.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The gaming machine of claim 1 in which the chamber defining means is arranged in a top box of the gaming machine.

Claim 11 (previously presented) The gaming machine of claim 1 in which the chamber defining means is arranged in a belly of the gaming machine.